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this date, giving the opinion of the State board of health and signed by the president and secretary of the same.

Very respectfully,

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[Inclosure.]

The State board of health has issued the following circular urging vaccination to prevent the spread of smallpox in southeastern Kentucky:

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH,
BOWLING GREEN, KY., *July 18, 1898.*

*To the health officials, county officials, and
people of southeastern Kentucky:*

Smallpox now exists in Laurel and Clay counties, and it is widespread in Jackson County. Every class of the population is affected and the disease is in epidemic form.

If every man, woman, and child in southeastern Kentucky is vaccinated at once, danger of a serious epidemic will be removed. Every person remaining unvaccinated is a menace, not to themselves alone, but to the health and business welfare of their entire section. Children should be vaccinated when quite young, and older persons should be revaccinated every seventh year at least. This method of prevention is as cheap as it is safe and easy, when properly done with reliable virus. The operation should be done by a competent physician, under proper aseptic precautions. Reliable virus may be obtained from the Henry Drug Company, Louisville, Ky.

In addition, it is earnestly requested that the boards of health for each county and town perfect their organization at once and confer with their county courts so that arrangements may be made to stamp out the disease as soon as the first case appears. Physicians should be on the lookout for first cases. An especial watch should be kept over teamsters, tramps, and peddlers. Prompt and intelligent organization will save heavy expense to all counties interested, as the cost of stamping out the disease must be borne by the county courts.

This board holds itself in readiness to give you any assistance in its power at any time.

By order of the board: J. M. MATHEWS, M. D., *President.*
J. N. McCORMACK, M. D., *Secretary.*

Smallpox in Ohio.

[Reprinted from the Ohio Sanitary Bulletin for July, 1898.]

Smallpox has made its appearance in Ohio at Delphos, Van Wert, and in the country near Bays, in Wood County. The first case occurred at Delphos on May 4. The suspected origin is "Uncle Tom's Cabin" show. It is known that members of this show when it appeared at Delphos, April 19, were suffering from some eruptive disease. Ira Graves, the first patient at Delphos, attended the show, and was also about the cars which carried the show, when they were being unloaded. Fifteen days from that time he came down with smallpox.

Several mild cases occurred later in Delphos, and were taken for chicken pox (the usual story). The State board of health made an investigation on June 21, and again on June 29. At that time, June 29, 12 cases of smallpox had been reported in Delphos. Since then, and up to July 14, 3 additional cases have been reported there.

The local health authorities were at first negligent in enforcing quarantine, and many people were exposed to the disease. At present rigid measures are being enforced, which, it is hoped, will prevent its further spread.

At Van Wert, which is near Delphos, two boys were taken sick about the middle of May, with what was called chicken pox. These boys had been to Delphos and were probably exposed there. The true nature of the disease was not recognized until a third case of smallpox developed on June 23. Consequently many persons were exposed to the first 2 cases. From that time on, the board of health, realizing the gravity of the outbreak, has been very active in enforcing proper restrictive measures.

On June 29, an investigation was made by the State board of health; 5 cases, counting the 2 cases called chicken pox, had developed at Van Wert. Since that date to the present time, July 15, 8 cases have been reported.

The case near Bays is a woman who came from Pennsylvania, and who was taken ill shortly after her arrival at her brother's house. This case is well isolated, and but few persons have been exposed. July 14 the brother of this patient was reported as having the disease.